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Amendments To Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method for facilitating the allocation of fees and costs that are associated with a travel-related transaction comprising the steps of:
receiving a Passenger Name Record ~~travel reservation data~~, from a travel reservation system, related to said travel-related transaction, wherein said Passenger Name Record ~~travel reservation data~~ facilitates charging a fee;
obtaining a user profile;
charging an account for a cost related to said travel-related transaction;
determining said fee based upon said Passenger Name Record ~~travel reservation data~~ and said user profile, wherein said fee represents an extra charge related to said travel-related transaction in addition to said cost;
charging said fee to said account; and
providing an enhanced descriptive billing statement, wherein said enhanced descriptive billing statement:
(i) recites said cost related to said travel-related transaction;
(ii) separately recites said fee; and
(iii) recites indicia indicating that said fee and said cost are related to each other;
wherein said receiving, establishing, determining, and charging steps are performed by at least one computer.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said travel reservation system is a Computer Reservation System.

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3. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method for facilitating the allocation of fees and costs that are associated with a travel-related transaction comprising the steps of:
receiving a Passenger Name Record data from a travel reservation system, wherein said Passenger Name Record data includes information that facilitates charging a fee associated with said travel-related transaction;
obtaining a user profile; and
charging an account for a cost of said travel-related transaction;
determining said fee based upon said Passenger Name Record data and said user profile, wherein said fee represents an extra charge related to said travel-related transaction in addition to said cost;
charging said fee to said account, wherein said receiving, establishing, determining, and charging steps are performed by at least one computer.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein said fee is charged to an account associated with said user profile.
5. (Currently Amended). The method of claim 1 further ~~including~~ comprising the step of providing a portion of said Passenger Name Record ~~travel-reservation data~~ to a management information system for providing periodic enhanced descriptive billing statements.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further ~~including the steps of:~~ comprising the step of formatting said Passenger Name Record ~~travel-reservation data~~ in a Passenger Name Record data format.

Claim 7 (Cancelled)

8. (Original) The method of claim 4 further comprising the step of providing said account with fee reconciling information.

Claim 9 (Cancelled)

10. (Original) A digital storage medium having instructions stored thereon configured to execute the method of claim 1.

Claims 11-14, 16, 23-25, 27, and 28 (cancelled)

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17. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method for facilitating allocation of fees for use by a travel agency, wherein said travel agency assists a traveler in making travel-related purchases from a merchant entity, said method comprising the steps of:
 - receiving a Passenger Name Record data from an accounting system, said accounting system configured to receive said Passenger Name Record data from a Computer Reservation System;
 - receiving a user profile;
 - comparing said Passenger Name Record data to information in said user profile to determine a fee to be charged for said assistance by said travel agency; and
 - charging said fee to an account associated with said user profile, wherein said receiving, comparing, and charging steps are performed by at least one computer.
18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of facilitating the enhancement of a billing statement with fee reconciliation information.
19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of providing a credit entity with fee reconciliation information.
20. (Original) The method of claim 18, further comprising the step of charging said fee to a different account than the account used to charge for the cost of said travel-related purchase.
21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 18, further comprising the steps of:
 - providing data to a management information system for providing said facilitating entity with periodic reports; and
 - providing at least some of said Passenger Name Record data to said management information system.
22. (Original) A digital storage medium having instructions stored thereon configured to execute the method of claim 18.